(c) The Government have no proposal at present for providing yarn at subsidised rates. Marketing assistance under "Plan" schemes in being provided in the form of share capital assistance to Primary Weavers' Co-operative Socities, Apex Weavers' Co-operative Societies and different State Handloom Development Corporations for widening the market base and for opening new sales outlets. Assistance for publicity and exhibitions is also being provided.

Inquiry into the affairs of Hotel Konark, Bhubaneshwar

1645. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA:
KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have instituted inquiry into the affairs of the India Tourism Development Corporation run Hotel Konark at Bhubaneswar, Orissa following complaints of gross mismanagement;

(b) if so, what are the findings of the inquiry; and

(c) what are the reasons behind the abrupt closure of Transport Division of ITDC in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUFTI MOHD. SAYEED): (a) and (b) ITDC is presently operating Hotel Kalinga Ashok at Bhubaneshwar and not Hotel Konark there. No enquiry has been instituted by the Ministry of Tourism against a private sector Konark at Bhubaneshwar.

(c) ITDC had given a lead by opening its Transport Unit at Bhubaneswar in 1976. Since then the State Govt. as well as private transporters have come in the field. Keeping in view the continued losses, availability adeyuate transport facilities and lack of demand, ITDC closed down its transport operation at Bhubaneswar on 31-8-1985.

Migrants from Punjab

1646. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of migrants from Punjab, according to the survey conducted by the Delhi Administration, who are at present putting up in Delhi; and

(b) what steps have been taken by Government for their rehabilitation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) As per available information with Deputy Commissioner, Delhi, total number of migrant families from Punjab who are putting up in Delhi is 2148 consisting of about 9720 members.

(b) There is no policy decision regarding permanent rehabilitation of these migrant families from Punjab in Delhi. However, Delhi Adminisration has taken the following steps to extend temporary relief:—

(i) Financial assistnce @ Rs. 10/- per day per member subject to the maximum of Rs. 1000 per month per family.

(ii) One room accommodation or tented accommodation with 4 whats and 2 guddas

(iii) Free electricity and drinking water.

(iv) Medical coverage.

Punjab situation

1647. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what fresh steps have been suggested by the State Government for the normalisation of situation in Punjab;

(b) what has been the Centre's reaction thereto and what measures the State Government has been advised to adopt; and

(c) what has been the State Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) to (c) The Central Government is in constant touch with the Government of Punjab regarding the situation in the State. The State Governmen have raised issues like implementation of Punjab Accord, resolving of the issues like transfer of Chandigarh, rehabilitation of Army deserters and release of Jodhpur under trials. Various steps have been taken in this regard. Out of 11 items in the Memorandum of Settlement on Punjab issues, 8 items, including rehabilitation of those discharged from Army have already been implemented. Action has been initiated to implement the remaining three items, including the issue of transfer of Chandigarh. The Government has ordered a review of the cases of undertrials in Jodhpur jail. The all party campaign launched against terrorism and for national unity in Punjab has yielded encouraging results. The State Government is extending co-operation in this regard and has informed that it is totally committed to the curbing of terrorism in the State and that the action against terrorism and lawless elements would continue unabated.

Construction of multi-storey flats in Chandigarh

1648. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to construct multistorey flats in Chandigarh to meet the shortage of housing and whether land is available therefore; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Grant of Freedom Fighters' Pension to Azad Gomantak Dal

1649. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to grant freedom fighters' pension to the youth who liberated Dadra Nagar Haveli in the name of Azad Gomantak Dal on August 2, 1954 from foreign regime;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) to (c) Persons who have undergone the minimum quantum of suffering in connection with the merger movements/liberation of the country, as prescribed under the Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme are eligible for grant of freedom fighters' pension from the Central Revenues irrespective of the banner under which they had been carrying on their struggle, provided that they are in a position to establish their claims of suffering by way of documents/certificates prescribed under the Scheme.

Delinking of jobs from degrees in the Department of Tourism

1650. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to delink jobs from degrees in the Department of Tourism, ITDC and other related departments; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUFTI MOHD. SAYEED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.